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GIFTS OF THE WISE MEN

It's hard to say anything about Christmas that hasn't already been said. Men and women for hundreds of years have poured out their hearts in the joy of the season. . . have said, it is easy to think, everything that can be said.

Now, the Miracle of which they have written and sung was greeted by the Three Wise Men bringing rich and rare gifts to the manger in Bethlehem. Yet today, gifts even more rare are every moment given to the world. . . gifts in whose giving we all share.

In the corridors of the Hospital, in the rooms of the patients, in the laboratories for research, in offices and work-rooms, in kitchens and laundries, in the healing hands and considered judgment of many women, the gifts of hope and health and comfort are brought to thousands of sick and suffering throughout each year.

Those of us who work in this Center have the privilege of helping bestow these gifts every day, every hour. The spirit of that giving, like that of the Magi of the East, is done in joy and in the knowledge that these are truly gifts of rarest worth.

THE COVER

The familiar scene of the manger in Bethlehem on the first Christmas Eve is a photograph, taken by Percy Brooks, of the creche which is displayed each year in the Pediatrics Out-Patient Department. We wish to express our thanks to Eric Granholm for his idea for the Christmas cover, to John Knewitz and Joseph Reichling for their speedy and efficient job of setting up the creche, and to Mr. Brooks for his artistic treatment of the picture.

OUR PLEA HAS BEEN HEARD

We want to say "thank you" to all the people who have come into THE PULSE office in answer to our request for story contributions. The response is

WIN FAME FOR FIXIN'S

Christmas isn't Christmas without the traditional decorations. But in spite of the fact that the New York Fire Department says we can't use decorations made of live greens, we hope to use our ingenuity, so that NYH will present a gala, holiday appearance.

Five awards will be offered for the most attractive decorations over the Christmas weekend. They will be given, one each, to the patients' floor in P—, N—, M— and Main Buildings and to any space or office not covered in these categories, which present the most Christmas-like appearance with the least outlay of cash.

The judges, Mrs. Cornelius N. Bliss, Mrs. Stanhope Bayne-Jones and Mrs. Henry N. Pratt, will examine the decorations sometime on Thursday, December 23rd, so put on your thinking caps, get out the paints and scissors, and good luck!

For Evening and Night Employees Only!

The Personnel Department will be open the first Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. for your convenience. If you have any problems, personal or otherwise, which you feel you would like to discuss, our Personnel Director, John G. Dale, Jr., will be more than happy to discuss them with you.

We hope you will avail yourselves of this service. So come on down and meet Mr. Dale some Tuesday. Remember — the first Tuesday of each month, hours 6:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m.

The Personnel Department

going to make it possible to bring you in future issues many interesting articles about events going on in the Center and people who are doing interesting work.

Please keep them coming in.

NEW HOSPITAL DIRECTOR TAKES OVER

DR. PRATT WELCOMED TO CENTER POSITION

The appointment of Dr. Henry Nickerson Pratt as Director of The New York Hospital, which was announced on June 11 by William H. Jackson, President of the Society of the New York Hospital, became effective on December 1st. Dr. Pratt comes to us from Memorial Hospital, where he has been Administrator since February, 1946.

Dr. Pratt, whom we all welcome most cordially, has had an unusually broad and interesting background.

Born in Seattle, Washington, May 9, 1902, he was graduated from Harvard in 1924 and received his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School in 1930. The years between college and entrance into medical school were spent in business and special studies. After graduation from medical school, Dr. Pratt specialized in allergy and pediatrics, and was certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in 1936. From 1939 to 1942 he was an instructor in pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and Associate Physician at the Children's Hospital in Boston.

A Message From Dr. Pratt

THE PULSE has given me this opportunity to tell all of you how happy I am to be here. During my first few days, it has become obvious to me that the people in this Center are sincerely dedicated to our work of service to the community. At every turn a kindly spirit of cooperation and courtesy is evident.

I would like to express my thanks to Dr. Bayne-Jones, Mr. Payson, Miss Dunbar, the Assistant Directors and all the department heads for their helpfulness and thoughtfulness during this early period of my education into the complexities of the Hospital. I hope it will not be many weeks before I know each employee and can count him a friend.

HENRY N. PRATT, M.D.

During the war, from 1942 to 1945, Dr. Pratt served with distinction as a medical officer in the European Theatre of Operations, first with the Harvard unit, and later with several Army hospitals. He was commanding officer of the 16th Station Hospital in London,



England, of the 48th General Hospital of 2185 beds in Paris, France, and of the 16th General Hospital of 1000 beds in Liege, Belgium. Dr. Pratt received the Bronze Star for his services as commanding officer of the 16th Station Hospital in London, and was awarded the Medaille de la Reconnaissance by the French Government. He entered active duty as a Major on January 10, 1942, was promoted to Lt. Colonel in May, 1943, and to the rank of Colonel in July, 1945.

He is the author of a number of scientific and clinical articles. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine

and a member of several professional societies. In January, 1948, he was elected President of the Hospital Bureau of Standards and Supplies.

Dr. Pratt has succeeded Laurence G. Payson, who, in addition to his duties as Secretary and Treasurer of the Society of The New York Hospital, has been serving as Acting Director of the Hospital since the first of this year. It seems fitting here to extend our deep thanks and appreciation to Mr. Payson, who has so magnificently shouldered his double burden for the last year. We're glad he's moved no further away than the G corridor.

ANNIVERSARY AWARD DINNER PAYS TRIBUTE TO 208 STAFF MEMBERS



LAST YEAR'S RECIPIENTS ALSO ATTEND CEREMONY

On Tuesday, November 9th, 208 members of the staff who served the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center for fifteen years or more joined together in the dining room of the Nurses Residence at a dinner given in their honor by the Joint Administrative Board. Of this number, 138 persons received silver pins for 15 years of service, while 70 persons received the gold pin which denotes 25 years. Many of the 215 persons who were honored last November also attended.

Speakers at the dinner were Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, President of the Joint Administrative Board; Neal Dow Becker, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University, whose tale about the tired doctor will go down as a NYH classic; William H. Jackson, President of the Society of The New York Hospital; and Bessie A. R. Parker, Associate Dean of the Nursing School and Associate Director of the Nursing Service. All the speakers expressed their admiration and appreciation to those who have given such a large portion of their lives to furthering the aims of this great Center.

Pins were awarded immediately after the dinner, and informal entertainment, arranged by W. W. Downey, was given in the auditorium of the Nurses Residence during the evening.

To those persons who received their awards, our sincerest congratulations. To the Joint Administrative Board, to the ushers, the members of the Nutrition Department, and to all who helped in any way to make the dinner possible, our sincerest thanks.



Above are seven of the doctors who have served the Center for 25 years or more. First row, left to right, Drs. Elise S. L'Esperance, 25 years; Connie M. Guion, 27 years, and May G. Wilson, 35 years. Second row, Drs. George G. Ward, 50 years; Edward Cussler, 44 years; Russell L. Cecil, 32 years, and James A. Harrar, 44 years.

NEWS OF NYH ADMINISTRATION

December 1st saw a new administrative organization put into effect. Under the directorship of Dr. Pratt, Dr. August H. Groeschel has been appointed Assistant Director.

Because he is new to us here at the Center, we would like to introduce Dr. Groeschel, who comes to us from the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, of which he was Assistant Medical Director.

He was born in Jersey City, where he now resides with his wife and four children. He received his M.D. degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, in 1931. In 1947 Columbia also awarded him a Master of Science degree in Hospital Administration.

During the intervening years, Dr. Groeschel was in private practice until in 1941 he entered active duty in the Army Medical Corps as Squadron Surgeon, 102nd Cavalry, at Fort Jackson, S.C. His Army experience was wide and varied. After several important posts, he was graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was made Assistant Commandant of the Medical Administrative Corps, OCS, Camp Barkeley, Texas. He organized the 231st Hospital Ship Complement, and was Commanding Officer of the 209th Hospital Ship Complement, USAHS "Larkspur." He was relieved from active duty in October, 1945, and at present holds the rank of Colonel in the Army Medical Corps Reserve.

Also serving under Dr. Pratt as Assistant Director is Dr. Roger B. Nelson, who was appointed to this post on July 20th. Dr. Nelson, who received his M.D. from Cornell, first came to the Hospital as an interne in Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1936. In 1947 he was made Executive Assistant, Out-Patient Department, and Acting Director of that department in January of 1948. On April 20, 1948, he was made Director of the Out-Patient Department. He will continue in this position, in addition to his new duties as Assistant Director of the Hospital.

Dr. George E. Peabody, who received
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CAROLING GROUPS TUNE UP TO SEND CHRISTMAS NOTES

Probably nothing so symbolizes the Christmas season as the singing of the old, traditional carols we learned in childhood. This year the Hospital will be particularly festive, and all of us will be able to listen or contribute to the caroling.

On Wednesday, the 15th, Dr. John Mason of the Department of Surgery will conduct a Christmas concert of traditional choral music in the auditorium of the Nurses Residence. The performance begins at 8:30 P. M., and everyone in the Center is cordially invited. The New York Hospital Doctors' and Nurses' Glee Clubs, and the Hospital mixed chorus will sing, and there will also be solos, male and mixed quartettes. This is the first attempt to give such a concert, and the group, which has been rehearsing for six weeks, deserves all our encouragement and support.

The following Wednesday, the student nurses hold their traditional Christmas Candlelight Service in the Residence lounges, and they, too, have planned a carol sing.

The next day, Friday, the 24th, the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church choir will carol through the Hospital, as it has done for several years in the past.

The nurses will take over on Christmas day, cheering patients with their singing. In the Woman's Clinic doors are blocked open so patients can join in. A small, nucleus group starts on the fifth floor and works down, adding doctors and attendants as they go.

This is a season of cheer, so plan to sing or listen and enjoy.

MRS. MAYNARD C. IVISON TO HEAD PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Maynard C. Ivison, who has been with the Center for eight years, has been appointed Director of Public Relations, within the Secretary's Department, replacing Harrison Doty who has resigned. The best of luck to you both.

WHAT MAKES THE CENTER TICK?



The Hospital Messenger

As the Christmas season approaches, our thoughts turn to gifts, packages and flowers. This is an appropriate time to describe the functions of the fleet-footed Hospital Messengers, for it will be their busy season.

Their headquarters is the Information Department, and the corps is made up of both boys and girls. Some are full-time workers, some are part-time, who come to work after school. Many ex-messengers have gone on to excellent positions within the Hospital—to accounting, nursing, secretarial, clinic aide and floor clerk work. To many, their jobs have been an assistance that has allowed them to complete their education.

Their duties are as varied as the contents of the packages they deliver. They accept, check, record and deliver all the packages and flowers received at the Hospital for patients. They deliver all inter-departmental correspondence to the administrative departments. One messenger is assigned to deliver Hospital records to the various law courts daily, and this may take him far afield of New York City. When emergency supplies or deliveries are needed, be it messages, drugs, blood, instruments or frogs, a messenger is requested.

It is vital that they know every nook and cranny of the Hospital, for they escort and direct patients and visitors throughout the institution. It is always a particular pleasure and thrill to conduct men and women who figure daily in the news to their appointments or to patients they are visiting.

You all know Hospital Messengers best as the young people pushing trucks

loaded with flowers on delivery rounds who insist on getting your signature before leaving their wares.

They are another important part of community service to which the Center is dedicated, as they make patients happier, our jobs easier, and visitors sure to praise the Hospital courtesy.

WE SHOULD TELL GIMBELS!

Along about last February, Mrs. Paul Dineen, since 1932 Director of the Hospital Gift Shop, was picking out the beautiful variety of Christmas cards, wrappings and ribbons now being displayed. In July she was doing the bulk of the shopping for the gifts we'll buy from now until the 25th, and in September she finished off with odds and ends.

No, the special sort of service rendered by the Gift Shop doesn't just happen. Mrs. Dineen and her six full-time and one part-time staff members have to give full-time thought to the Christmas season. And the joy of shopping in uncrowded quarters which contain merchandise of excellent taste isn't confined to the Hospital staff. Patients, ex-patients and visitors have discovered how to buy beautiful gifts the easy way. Some ex-patients come back year after year to make purchases.

Of course, at this time of the year, toys are the biggest sellers, with jewelry running a close second. The gift-wrapping and mailing service maintained in the Shop is a boon to hurried shoppers and so is the wide assortment at all prices.

We all know the Gift Shop as a meeting place, but not all of us know that the girls are happy to talk over gift-buying problems and help in selections to meet your budget.

Proceeds from the Shop go to the Hospital and the Social Service Department, and during the year the Shop contributes widely to Hospital activities.

Be sure to stop in to get a real Christmas spirit without getting toes stepped on or ribs jabbed. And while you're there, notice the beautiful carol singers on top of the toy counter . . . looking like Christmas cards in their snow-laden tippets and top hats.

A Christmas Story



Nature had finished her work. The out-of-doors was beautiful with its snow laden trees and blanket of white. The icicles were glistening in the sunlight and the whole world seemed to have taken on a festive air for the celebration of the Birthday of the Christ Child.

Inside the house, there was quite a bustle as everyone was doing everything to make this Christmas like every other Christmas the kids had ever known. The big tree by the fireplace was being adorned with multi-colored lights, tinsel and bright, shiny ornaments. The turkey with all its trimmings was being prepared along with the other delicacies that go to make the day a gala occasion.

Tomorrow was Christmas and Ronnie knew that when they came downstairs the next morning, the floor would be filled with gifts from friends whose pleasure was derived from making these small people happy.

All the kids were delighted at the privilege of helping with the decorations. All but Ronnie. Even though he was quite adept with such things he had no desire to take a part in the preparations. As he watched, a tightness came into his throat and before anyone could sense what was happening, he slipped from the room and stumbled upstairs where he buried his head in his pillow and wept convulsively.

It was there that Miss Albright found him. She touched him on the shoulder and asked gently, "Ronnie, what is the matter?"

Ronnie tried to regain his composure but it was some time before he answered. Finally, he said, "Miss Albright, did you hear from my mother yet?"

"No, Ronnie, the letter didn't get here yet, but I'm sure you'll hear something soon."

"I don't understand," he said, "I thought she'd write."

"Would you like to tell me about your mother, Ronnie?" asked Miss Albright.

"Yes, I think I'd feel better if I did. You see, mother went away because after Dad's accident on the job, there wasn't money enough after Dad went to the hospital. She had to go to Garysburg to find work. There was no place for me so she decided to leave me here in the Home until she could come back."

"And we're happy to have you here, Ronnie."

"Yes, I know, and I've been happy, too. But tonight I miss Mom more than ever, because we always used to visit Toyland together and then rush home to decorate the tree, and make everything ready for Christmas day."

"But that was the reason I invited you to help me today."

"I know. But it just didn't seem right because Mom wasn't there. She always made a game out of everything we did and when she was around, everything was so much fun." His face brightened as the thought ran through his mind, and he was lost as though in a dream. Then he continued, "But the most wonderful thing about Christmas Eve would be when everything was finished and quiet, Mom would take me upstairs and tuck me in bed and I wouldn't be sleepy at all, so she'd read to me the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. I specially liked the part about Santa's belly that shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly. Then I would go to sleep and when I woke up it was Christmas and Mom would be saying 'Merry'"

"Merry Christmas, Ronnie," a voice said cheerfully.

Ronnie looked up and there stood Mom, beautiful and radiant as ever. He ran to her and their reunion was so touching that, unnoticed, Miss Albright tiptoed from the room.

"Mom, Mom, you've come back!" Ronnie cried. "I knew you wouldn't forget me!"

"Yes, darling. You see, in my spare time, I've been writing a story. I finished
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NURSING SCHOOL GIVEN MODEL OF ARLINGTON MONUMENT

Dr. Philip M. Stimson, Associate Attending Pediatrician at the Hospital, has presented to the School of Nursing the original working model of a nationally-famous statue of a nurse, in memory of his sister, Julia C. Stimson, who died on September 30.

The model was given to Miss Stimson in 1937 by the sculptress, Frances Rich. The statue itself stands in the Nurses Plot at Arlington National Cemetery, and was unveiled on November 8, 1938, as a monument to Army and Navy Nurses. At that time, Miss Stimson made the presentation address.

A graduate of this school of Nursing in 1908, Julia Stimson was chief nurse of the American Red Cross in France and director of the nursing service of the American Expeditionary Force in World War I. She received the Distinguished Service Medal and was cited by General Pershing for "exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous service." President of the American Nurses Association from 1938 to 1944, she was chairman of the Nursing Council on National Defense from 1940 to 1942. She retired from active service in 1937, but was recalled to active duty in the Army Nurse Corps in 1942. She was one of few women in this country to attain the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army.

The model, with pictures of the Arlington statue, was placed in the Hospital lobby for a week so that employees and the public might see it. It will be placed permanently in the Nurses Residence.

IF YOU PAUSE TO REFRESH, PLEASE PAUSE TO PICK UP

Coca Cola cups and cigarette butts carelessly dropped throughout the building and grounds of the Hospital can make an unpleasant impression on patients, visitors and the public.

Theodore Warren of Building Service asks your cooperation in helping to keep our Hospital the beautiful place it is. If you see a spot where an additional receptacle is needed, call Building Service and tell them about it.

Hosp - Tales

HERE AND THERE

John Kenny (Director, Laundry) attended the 9th Annual Convention of the National Association of Institutional Laundry Managers. Mr. Kenny is first vice-president of the Association, was Chairman of the session dealing with personnel problems confronting laundry managers . . . *Marion Green* transferred from Information to Surgical Follow-up . . . *Adolfus (Harry) Harris* was feted with a cake and fixin's when he recently celebrated his 30th anniversary with NYH. As Harry doled out the last piece of cake, he told this story. "On November 20th, just 30 years ago, I decided that I would like to 'work in' for the winter. Liking my work, I decided to stay on and here I am." Congratulations, Harry . . . *Doris Iba, Eleanor Bazata, Ruth Hanson and Phyllis Berg*, dieticians, all spend two days a week at Teachers College studying Administration, Nutrition and Education. Good luck for the future, girls . . . *Lena McGirl*, a former Nutrition employee, renewed old acquaintances when she recently paid the Hospital a visit. . . The X-Ray Department was recently increased to the tune of 16 new students who started their two-year course on October 4th . . . Welcome to *Gladys Surles*, Secretary to Dr. Pratt. May your stay here be long and happy, Miss Surles . . . Roses to *Miss Cox*, Dietitian, Guest Dining Room for the farewell luncheon given in honor of *Miss Peters*, Accounting. . . 1200 pounds of turkey, 104 pumpkin pies and 95 quarts of ice cream were consumed by the patients on Thanksgiving day—OOh, my aching stomach! . . . **WEDDING BELLS:** *Aileen McDougall* of Compensation said her "I do" to *Charles S. Kirk* on November 2. The groom is an Engineering Officer on the S.S. "Coralstone." . . .

BUNDLES FROM HEAVEN: *Betty Neagle*, daughter of Dr. Barr, had the stork working overtime on November

25th when he delivered twins, a boy and a girl. Congratulations, Betty.

NEW YORCHIDS: To the Occupational Therapists who made the attractive paper candy baskets for the Payne Whitney patients' Thanksgiving celebration.

*Of Hosp - Tales there is a lack,
Let's get together and attack
This problem which would not be great
If everyone would hesitate
For just one minute to recall
New of interest to us all.*

TWO BRIDES FIND IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL



When Anita Valverdi, secretary in the Nursing School office, and Yolande Sposito of Payne Whitney, who have been friends for some time, told each other about their plans for getting married, they were surprised to find that each had set the same date (November 7) for the wedding. Upon further discussion they found that they had picked the same spot (the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania) for their honeymoons. To complete this department of coincidence, they found out just before their respective weddings that their bridesmaid's dresses were alike!

Here are both couples on the happy day. Anita is now Mrs. Luke Benedetto, whose wedding was held at St. Paul's Church in Manhattan, and Yolande is Mrs. James Curcuruto, who was married at Holy Rosary Church, Manhattan.

NURSING SCHOOL NOTES

The Senior Nursing Students and Student Organization wish to thank everyone who helped to make the County Fair such a success . . . The performances of "The Man Who Came to Dinner" on November 18th and 19th by the Junior Nursing Students and the Medical Students were high successful and acclaimed "positively professional" by all who saw it . . . The SEPBSQSA (or the Society for the Encouragement and Preservation of Barber Shop Quar-

tet Singing in America) gave a concert on November 30th sponsored by the Senior Class. The evening wound up with a serenade to the Nurses Residence . . . Student nurses helped the Alumnae Association at their Bazaar on December 7th . . . "Snowflake Whirl" was the appropriate name given to the dance on December 11th by the Student Organization . . . Those crisp, new, white caps and blue uniforms you have seen belong to the Freshman Students, who donned

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"ALL WORK-NO PLAY" ROUTED BY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Kitchen Bowlers Edge Out X-Ray

As many of you already know, The New York Hospital Athletic Association is in the first stage of development. It all began as the result of suggestions for group sports from many members of the Hospital staff. At a meeting on November 23, which was announced by poster and attended by those who were interested and able to come, tentative plans for an organization were outlined by Ernest Schadewald of Building Service, who is temporary chairman.

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW THE LANGUAGE"



The Association will begin with facilities for bowling, gradually taking on other activities as interest increases. It was agreed at the meeting that every interested department would select a representative to the Association, from which group officers can be elected. Bob Anderson of X-Ray and Leo Milano of Main Kitchen have already been appointed by their respective departments.

On December 1st, teams from the Kitchen and the X-Ray Department took part in a preliminary bowling contest. Members of the teams were as follows: Kitchen, Leo and Pat Milano, George Vishner, Frank Veverka and Faust Monasterio; X-Ray, A. S. Gibbs,

PLAY IT SAFE

Here are the accident figures compiled by the Safety Committee for the second and third quarters of 1948, as compared with the same period in 1947.

MONTHS	ACCIDENTS		LOST-TIME ACCIDENTS	
	1947	1948	1947	1948
April	53	45	8	7
May	47	35	5	6
June	41	39	7	8
July	54	33	9	5
Aug.	38	41	4	7
Sept.	42	25	9	6
<i>Totals</i>	275	218	42	39

These figures show a real effort on the part of everyone to cut down accidents and injuries. Let's make a New Year's resolution to pull them down even further in 1949.

John Skuchko, Frank Motyka and Ralph Biamonte and Tom Manfuso. The Kitchen team was victorious with the Milano brothers as high men (Leo with a score of 177 and Pat with 167).

As plans are now shaping up, a bowling alley on 67th Street will be made available for New York Hospital teams on Friday evenings, and departments which have organized teams may challenge other teams from other departments. Also on the list of things hoped for is a room at the Central Presbyterian Church on 64th Street, which would serve as a central meeting place and perhaps provide a place for table tennis and badminton.

About 75 people have indicated their interest in the Association. We hope that departments which are also interested and would like to send a representative to a future meeting, will call Mr. Schadewald (Extension 338) for more details.

FOURTEEN EMPLOYEES RETIRED UNDER N.Y.H. PENSION PLAN

In 1948, the first full year of operation of The New York Hospital Employees' Retirement Plan, fourteen members of the Hospital staff were retired under its benefits. In the order of their retirement, they were:

John Wilks, Westchester,
retired January 1 after 23 years.

*Ernest Cloutier, orderly,
retired January 1 after 25 years.

Otto Reinke, Protection,
retired January 8 after 13 years.

Thomas Winward, Westchester,
retired February 1 after 16 years.

I. Stanton Field, Westchester,
retired March 1 after 26 years.

Michael Quinn, Protection,
retired April 15 after 13 years.

Jane Herder, Central Laboratories,
retired May 27 after 17 years.

Christine McEwin, Nursing Service,
Westchester,

retired June 1 after 17 years.

Joseph Barwood, Protection,
retired September 1 after 5 years.

Ralph G. Stillman, M. D.,
retired September 30 after 41 years.

George W. Wheeler, M. D.,
retired September 30 after 36 years.

Martin Slattery, Westchester,
retired October 1 after 12 years.

Charlotte Argabrite, Nursing Service,
retired October 3 after 9 years.

Elizabeth Tichy, Westchester,
retired November 1 after 21 years.

We can only add our thanks to those who have served so long and so loyally and contributed so much to the care and comfort of the sick.

* Died March 10, 1948

A CHRISTMAS STORY

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it several weeks ago, and just when I had given up hope of being with you for Christmas, I received a letter yesterday saying that it had been accepted, and in the letter was a check for \$500. So hurry and let's go to the hospital for Daddy so that we can get home in time to decorate the tree."

(This story of Christmas was contributed by Mildred Burton of the Nutrition Department. We thought it very appropriate to the spirit of the season.)

LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT ORGANIZED FOR WAYFARERS

"The New York Hospital serves the community." . . . And wondrous are the ways in which it serves, as witness an event one afternoon not so very long ago.

About four o'clock two small boys, Richard, age 9, and William, 4, entered the Hospital and announced that they were looking for their mother. They had driven into the city from the Bronx in the morning. After they had done some errands, their mother had parked the car at 59th Street and told the boys she was going to "New York Hospital" for an X-Ray. Having nothing better to do, the two youngsters fell asleep. When they woke up it was late in the afternoon and they were cold and hungry, so they decided to conduct a search for their mother. They were shown to the Information Desk where they explained their problem.

Information called X-ray. No mother. They called Emergency. No mother. They called the Record Room. No mother. Then they called Memorial Hospital and Kips Bay Health Center. No mother. The kids began to get scared. Richard, realizing the seriousness of their plight, dissolved in bitter tears, and William followed suit out of sympathy.

At this critical moment, Louis Malloy arrived on the scene and he and Martin Silko, Information messenger, decided that the thing to do was to take the boys back to their car. So they started a strange procession down to 59th Street. There was the car. There also was a radio car with two policemen and two detectives who were about to start on a search for William and Richard while a frantic mother had gone to New York Orthopedic Hospital for her X-ray, had been delayed, returned to the car and found no children.

So the story ended happily. At 6:30 in the evening, mother and sons were re-united, with The New York Hospital playing the role of Boy Scout.

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them on December 8th. The Students are now on the floors giving nursing care . . . One of the five student scholarships awarded to members of the class of 1951 went to *Patience Wilson*, who is the niece of *Jessie Patience Wilson* of the class of 1914. Congratulations to both of the Wilsons. . .



Master Peter Sutton, grandson of Mrs. Pauline Karr, Volunteer in the Heart Station, is caught on his own doorstep as he comes out for a breath of fresh air.

FROM WESTCHESTER

Among the new additions to the Hospital staff recently are *Lucy Wainwright* and *Lillian Wahrow*. Miss Wainwright, who joined the staff as nursing supervisor, trained at Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital and holds a B.S. degree from Teachers' College of Columbia University. Miss Wahrow is the new Hospital librarian. She holds a B.A. from Hunter College and is a recent graduate of the Columbia School of Library Service. She will provide a traveling library service to patients in all sections of the Hospital. She will also conduct book review sessions for patients. In addition to these duties, she will have charge of the medical library and will help the medical staff on research projects . . . Fun: One of the parties given recently was a square dance held at the Nurses'

Residence on November 5th. More than 300 members of the nursing and medical staff and other departments attended and had a rollicking good time. Some were a bit limp the next day, but all felt it was worth it . . . Extra curricular activities: Employees at the Westchester Division have explored the community's resources and are making good use of them. Many are learning to work with their hands at pottery, art metal work, dressmaking, jewelry. Others are adding to their stock of knowledge by taking courses in music appreciation, art, shorthand, typing and languages. Some are members of theater groups, studying and presenting plays. Some are learning to swim and some go in for bowling. Some are attending a concert series sponsored by *Mrs. Julian Olney*. In short, Westchester Division employees are finding many ways to make life interesting and stimulating.

WAR SPEAKS

I'm a creature of time,
I dwell on the earth,
I have no fear of death,
no remembrance of birth.

These man-things resent me,
and pitifully fight
To end my existence,
to conquer my might.

Their weapons are parries,
disarmament pacts,
World courts and leagues
and neutrality acts.

These serve but to lull me
to sleep for an hour,
To wake and to stalk with
new vigor and power.

And I laugh at their ally,
this friend they call 'Reason.'
For his youth and his weakness
have made this my season.

Today I am king,
and my allies mature,
And I straddle the world,
confident, sure.

For with me are hatred,
avarice, lust,
And these will live when
today's men are dust.

—Eva Namm
Heart Station

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SING YOU CAN ALWAYS WHISTLE

We know for sure there are a lot of people around here who want to sing. But they've been a little scarce on Wednesdays during the noon hour. We have Edith Schultze of Public Relations as enthusiastic directress, Dorothy Lemen of the Medical College office as accomplished accompanist, and a few faithful singers. But no matter how you look at it, five or ten people can't make like a chorus.

Through the donation of a generous friend, song books have been made available which should contain almost everybody's favorites. Even if you can't stay for more than ten or fifteen minutes, come along and exercise your lungs. To arms, baritones, sopranos, altos and tenors! Come to the College Auditorium (B-011) any time between 12:30 and 1:30 P. M. on Wednesdays and join a Christmas carol or two.

Want to Earn \$15?

The Blood Bank is anxious to have blood donations from Rh negative individuals and is willing to pay \$15 for each pint of such blood.

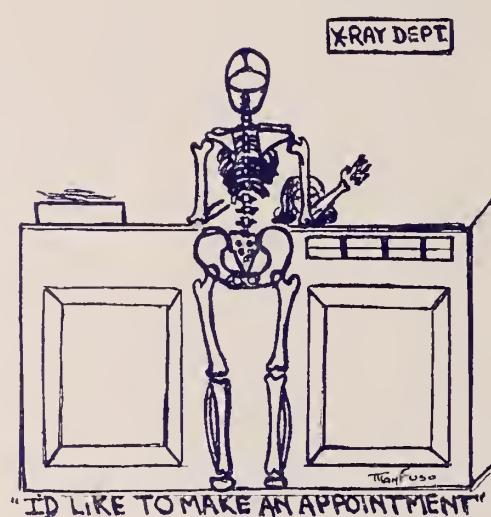
This type of blood is extremely difficult to obtain and Rh negative donors would be doing the Hospital and the Blood Bank a great service by coming to the Blood Bank at periodic intervals to contribute a pint of blood.

Donating blood is easy, painless, quick. The Blood Bank is in Room F-531 and donations may be made any day between 1 and 9 P. M. If you do not know your Rh type, the Blood Bank will be glad to tell you.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Two psychiatrists were going down in an elevator. The car stopped at a lower floor, and another man got on. He looked at the two doctors, smiled pleasantly and said, "Good morning."

After he got off, the doctors looked at each other. Said one, "Now what do you suppose he meant by that?"



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the temporary appointment of Executive Assistant to the Director from September 1st to December 31st, is also a graduate of Cornell Medical College. He interned here in Medicine from October 1944 to June 1945. In July of 1947 he was appointed Provisional Assistant to Out-Patients (Research Fellow) and served in that post until his temporary appointment in September of this year. On the 1st of January he will become an Assistant Resident in Medicine.

Vassar W. Johnson will continue in the post of Executive Assistant to the Director.

As of January 1st, Edward L. Richman will become Executive Assistant to the Director in Payne Whitney, and E. H. Lawrence will assume charge of the newly-created Department of Central Sterile Supplies.

A Merry Christmas

and

A Happy New Year

to

*The New York Hospital Family
and their families*

from

The Pulse Staff